

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT  
U.S. Appln. Based on PCT/FR99/00692

Claim 21: lines 1-2, change "claims 16 to 20, characterised in that" to --claim 16, wherein--.

Claim 22: lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 18 to 21, characterised in that" to --claim 18, wherein--.

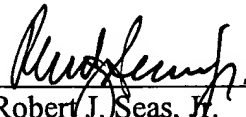
Claim 23: lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 16 to 20, characterised in that" to --claim 16, wherein--.

Claim 24: lines 1-2, change "any one of claims 16 to 20, characterised in that" to --claim 16, wherein--.

**REMARKS**

The foregoing amendments are made in order to remove multiple dependencies and avoid the Government surcharge. Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,

  
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